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M'GEE SAW ARNSTEIN IN CLEVELAND TUESDAY

SLASH GOVERNMENT BILLS TO THE BARE NECESSITIES; CUT DOWN THE DEFICIT

Forcing Washington to Do What the People Are Doing Will Avert Calamity.

ABOLISH SHIP BOARD.

U. S. Chamber of Commerce in Referendum Favors Outright Sale of Smaller Vessels.

By Martin Green.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The action of the House committee in abandoning the compulsory military training feature of the bill for the formation of a military establishment marks a big saving in that it will prevent the expenditure next year of in excess of \$600,000,000. But this saving was anticipated because the members of Congress feel that the compulsory military training feature is unpopular at this time. The compulsory military training expense will be saved not because Congress was actuated in a desire to save money, but because of the probability that the political party which passed the measure would be punished at the polls in the next election, especially in the Middle West and the Far West.

Ordinarily a prospective saving of \$600,000,000 in one item would arouse the belief that there might be some hope that the current deficit of \$3,000,000,000 would be reduced and a further deficit at the end of the next fiscal year be forestalled. But, as I have pointed out, it is not enough to cut out entirely or reduce demands for appropriations for new projects. It is absolutely necessary to put the Government on the same basis that the people are on—the basis of getting along with actual necessities.

Although the Senate Commerce Committee has committed itself to the policy of Government reconditioning of the seized German ships at a cost of probably seventy-five millions of dollars, which policy, if carried out, would ultimately lead to the Government ownership and operation of the merchant marine at a cost to taxpayers of half a billion dollars a year, the question of realizing something on the Shipping Board and ending its career of extravagant expense is not closed.

Impressed by the necessity of cutting two billions and a half from the estimated cost of Government for the next year, members of both Houses, after figuring on every line of reduction they can force, are forced to consideration of The Evening World's suggestion that the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, as they are at present constituted, be eliminated; that the properties of the board and the corporation be sold. This action would result in saving at least two billions of dollars and, with

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ST. GEORGE CAR HITS BUS; 4 HURT

Brakes Fail on Slippery Rails, Is Explanation of Trolley Company—No Arrests.

A bus running from Richmond to St. George and a trolley car of the Richmond Light and Railroad Company collided in front of the Corn Exchange Bank, St. George, this morning. Both vehicles were crowded. Four persons in the bus were out by flying glass, and one, Antonio Peloso, of No. 303 Central Avenue, Richmond, was taken to Staten Island Hospital suffering from contusions of the face and back.

Officials of the trolley company said that the brakes failed because of the slippery condition of the rails. No arrests were made.

NAMING OF COLBY MAY MEAN WILSON SUPPORT OF HOOVER

Appointment of Crane Another Indication President Is Not Clinging to Party Men.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Copyright, 1920).—President Wilson does not intend to eke out the remaining twelve months of his term in monotonous reverence for party tradition or the comforts of avoiding quarrels and controversies with his political opponents who control Congress.

The appointment of Bainbridge Colby as Secretary of State has started a heavy flow of gossip and cloak-room threats that may define more clearly than ever before whether or not the Senate has any real control over the kind of Cabinet officers a President may select to manage the big departments of the Government.

Plainly, there are Democrats as well as Republicans in the Senate who do not like the nomination of Mr. Colby, but if anything aggressive is done it will naturally be by the Republicans.

REASON FOR ATTACKING COLBY DIFFICULT TO FIND.

But the ground on which to base objections to Mr. Colby's confirmation is difficult to find this political year. Were Senate Republicans to say Mr. Colby has been too anti-British, they would find their newly acquired Irish supporters looking askance at them. Were Senate Republicans to argue that Mr. Colby is inexperienced for the job or unsuited temperamentally for the post, they lay themselves open to attack by Democrats who might say the Republican conservatives are so conservative that they wouldn't even vote for the confirmation of a progressive Republican. In the end Mr. Colby will be confirmed, but it would not be surprising to find a resolution adopted expressing the Senate's opinion of the choice.

There are Senators, on the other hand, who think it is about time to

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DISOWNED BY BRYAN AND PENROSE, TOO, HOOVER BEARS UP

"Now Let's Get On With Issues," He Says After He Is "Read Out" by Hearst, Also.

"We are making decided progress toward the determination of the attitude of the great political parties on the solutions of the great business and social issues for the next election," said Herbert Hoover to-day.

"For instance, Mr. Penrose has declared that I am not his kind of a Republican. Mr. Bryan has declared I am not his kind of a Democrat. Mr. Hearst has declared I have not his variety of patriotism. I at once agree with these gentlemen.

"Having now disposed of this momentous matter let us get on with the issues—our methods of taxation, for instance."

TRAPPED BY FIRE, POLICEMAN SAVES LIVES OF FRIENDS

Blaze Follows Rescuer So Quickly He Is Forced to Flee to Roof.

PULLS TWO TO SAFETY.

Sabatino Drags Pair Up From Fire Escape in Midst of Flames.

When Policeman Pasquale Sabatino saw a fire in the old three-story building at No. 442 Washington Street, corner of Desbrosses, at 5.30 A. M. to-day he remembered that his two friends, Angelo Luzzio, forty, and brother Anniello, forty-three, slept on the top floor in the rooms of the old "Violets Club."

After sending an alarm, the policeman broke the street door, passed the fire under the stairs between the second and third floors and rapped on the door of the sleeping men. Instead of opening it, they became panic-stricken and jumped out the window to the fire escape.

The fire followed the policeman so rapidly he was nearly overcome while hammering on the door and had to run up and force the scuttle to the roof, where he lay almost exhausted for several minutes.

The men on the fire escape were only a few feet below the roof, and their cries became louder as the flames and smoke darted out the window, under them and cut off their escape. Sabatino lay on his stomach, located over the edge of the roof and called them.

Seizing Angelo's hands, the policeman lifted the 160-pound refugee to the roof, and the two together saved Anniello, weighing 70 pounds, in the same way. By that time firemen had the blaze out, and the three men were able to get down by the stairs. Sabatino later became so ill from the smoke he had swallowed he had to report sick and go home.

LONDON "BOBBIES" TO BOX N. Y. POLICE

Anthony Drexel Biddle Arranging International Tournament to Be Held Here.

Anthony Drexel Biddle, President of the International Sporting Club, is arranging a boxing tournament between the best half dozen men on the New York police force and a similar number of picked boxers from the London "bobbies" to be held in New York City.

Mr. Biddle to-day despatched an invitation to the New York police, and it was sent out in an official bulletin. All under thirty years of age and weighing more than 175 pounds are invited to enter training for the elimination contests, which are to be held during the summer.

The final contests will be held in New York some time in October.

CONTRACTOR SUES O. H. KAHN

Additional Bill of Particulars Filed in \$24,558 Action.

Edward Margolis, a contractor of No. 19 East 23d Street, to-day filed an additional bill of particulars in his suit against Otto H. Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers, to collect \$24,558 he alleges is due him for renovation of the Garrick Theatre.

Margolis states a contract was made in May, 1917. A change of architects caused a cessation of work, but Margolis declares he was to do special work costing \$35,000. He has been paid \$11,240, he says.

Mr. Kahn has filed a general denial.

INDICTED AS PROFITEERS.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The John C. Myers and Cottrell & Leonard, two of Albany's leading retail concerns, were indicted to-day on profiteering charges by a Federal grand jury at Albany, according to Assistant United States District Attorney Cyrus of Syracuse, who presented the evidence.

The Schenectady Clothing Company and the Belwin Shoe Store also were reported indicted. The concerns are charged with "high and unreasonable profits in the sale of shoes and clothing," according to Mr. Clegg.

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MISS BRICE INSISTS SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE ARNSTEIN IS

Bond Plot Fugitive's Wife Baffles Lawyers at Federal Examination.

SEEN LAST TUESDAY.

Attorney Says He Met Missing Man Then in Cleveland.

Eugene F. McGee, attorney for "Nicky" Arnstein, who is wanted as "the master mind" in the \$5,000,000 bond theft plot, admitted on the stand before Judge Augustus N. Hand in the Federal Court this afternoon, that he had talked to the missing man in the Winton Hotel in Cleveland, O., last Tuesday night.

The attorney denied that he had brought Arnstein back with him to New York on his return to this city.

McGee said that Arnstein called up his partner, William J. Fallon, by long distance phone Saturday or Sunday and that Monday night he, McGee, left here for Cleveland. There he met and talked the situation over with Arnstein in the lobby of the Winton Hotel. He was retained in the bankruptcy case and in "possible criminal proceeding which might follow."

He said he was authorized to negotiate for the surrender of Arnstein provided the bail was fixed at not more than \$50,000.

The following day, Wednesday, he met Miss Brice at the Hotel Commodore and told her he had been retained as counsel for her husband.

"Don't tell me where he is," Miss Brice is quoted by McGee as having said. "I don't want to know now."

He did not tell her.

Under cross-examination, Mr. McGee denied that he had told Assistant District Attorney Dooling that he could furnish \$50,000 bail or that he had that amount of security ready. He said that if bail in that sum had been agreed upon, he would have tried to raise it. Mr. McGee denied that he knew where Arnstein was at this time, and also denied that he had received any fee from him during the past week.

McGee was testifying on an order obtained by Saul S. Myers, attorney for the National Surety Company, and Edward H. Childs, receiver in bankruptcy for Arnstein, after he had flatly refused to answer questions put to him at a hearing before Special Commissioner in Bankruptcy Alexander Gilchrist, at which he had appeared as attorney for Miss Fannie Brice.

When Miss Brice took the stand she declared that she did not know where Arnstein is, and that she had not heard from him since Feb. 12. She was asked how she happened to go to Attorney Fallon and Maclean.

This question started a wrangle, in the course of which Myers questioned the right of McGee to be present. Commissioner Gilchrist overruled the objections and ordered the question answered.

The witness then said that McGee had called her up, and that she was suspicious of his claims to be her husband's attorney at first, but that

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UNION CHIEFS ASK VETO OF RAIL BILL

Delegation Takes Formal Memorial to the President at White House To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A delegation of fifteen railway union officials called at the White House shortly before noon to-day.

Timothy Shea, one of the delegates, said they had brought a memorial requesting President Wilson to veto the railroad bill.

FANNIE BRICE, ON WITNESS STAND AT BOND HEARING.



FANNIE BRICE, "COURT"

"PURE SHOE" BILL REQUIRES LABEL ON IMITATION LEATHER

Assembly Gets Measure Intended to Protect Purchaser From False Representations.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—"PURE SHOE" bill was introduced in the Assembly to-day.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Caulfield, provides that shoes which are sold as all leather must in fact be all leather. If a shoe is made of leather substitutes the fact must be so stated when the shoes are sold. This statement would be in the form of a tag attached to the shoe indicating the materials used.

CITY TAX RATE TO GET SLIGHT CUT.

Comptroller Says Reduction in Some Boroughs May Be Two Points.

Comptroller Craig announced to-day that there will be slight reductions in the city's tax rates which were given out by the Finance Department last week.

Mr. Craig declared there would be a cut of one point in at least two boroughs and thought in one or two boroughs the rates would shrink from one or two points. He did not name the boroughs where the rates will be lower.

BRAZIL WILL SEND 60 MEN TO OLYMPICS

Government Will Contribute to \$90,000 Fund to Transport Team to Antwerp.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 25.—The Brazilian Sports Confederation and the Olympic Committee have resolved to send a delegation of sixty athletes to the Olympic games at Antwerp this summer. They have opened a credit of \$90,000, holding that the sports will benefit Brazil greatly.

The government will contribute to the fund and transport the athletes on one of the nation's steamers. The Brazilian team will participate in water polo and football, in both of which sports Brazilians are the champions of South America, swimming, rowing, tennis, hockey, boxing, wrestling, cycling and gymnastics.

GASOLINE NOT UP IN N. Y.

Wholesale Price in This City Remains at 20 1-2 Cents.

There has been no increase in the price of gasoline in New York City. The last raise was several weeks ago. The Standard Oil Company raised its price in New Jersey yesterday, but the price in that state is still less than that charged in New York.

In the best of homes in America, imported Pompano Gave Oil is the standard. 14th floor, World Building.—Adv.

LENINE INVITES THREE NATIONS TO NEGOTIATE PEACE

Moscow Announces That Notes Have Been Sent to U. S., Japan and Roumania.

WHITE ARMY WIPED OUT

Thousands of Anti-Red Troops Said to Have Died in Retreat.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Soviet Commissary of Foreign Affairs has despatched notes to the United States, Japan and Roumania, offering them peace with Soviet Russia, according to a wireless despatch from Moscow received here to-day.

Another Moscow wireless says the Tolstoy anti-Bolshevik army has been defeated by Soviet troops in the region of Guriev, near the mouth of the Ural River.

Thousands of the White troops died in their retreat over the waterless steppes toward the Caspian Sea. The despatch asserted that the White armies in this district now have been "obliterated."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—State Department officials said to-day they had not received any communication from the Russian Soviet Government proposing peace with the United States.

In the story of an interview which Lincoln Eyre had with Lenin, published in The World last Saturday, the correspondent quoted the Soviet dictator as saying:

"We shall need American manufactures—locomotives, automobiles, &c.—more than those of any other country. All the world knows that we are prepared to make peace on terms the fairness of which even the most imperialistic capitalist could not dispute. I know of no reason why a Socialist commonwealth like ours cannot do business indefinitely with capitalist countries."

In an interview with Trotsky published yesterday Mr. Eyre quoted him as saying: "Our military successes have not blinded us to our need of peace."

A special cable dispatch from Paris yesterday said it was the opinion then that if the London conference of Premiers succeeded in reaching a definite policy on peace with Russia The New York World would be entitled to a large share in the credit. Diplomats there saw in Lincoln Eyre's interview with Lenin an extremely timely and important document.

BILL WOULD REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN AT WORK

Assemblyman Asserts They Are No Longer Wards of State and Should Have Labor Equalities.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26. RESTRICTIONS on the activities of women in industrial life would be removed if a bill introduced by Assemblyman Betts becomes law. The measure would amend the labor law, striking out the sections defining occupations barred to women.

"Women are no longer wards of the state," Betts says. "They are citizens and should enjoy complete citizenship on equality with men—this includes industrial equality."

The ruling affects, among others, clubmen who have supplies at the club and may want to move them to somewhere or mountain, or others who migrate from one home to another, according to the seasons. In other words, like the Constitution follows the flag, so a man's liquor supply may follow his legitimate change of residence.

WORLD RESTAURANT. Special for to-day, Thursday, Feb. 26: Roast Philadelphia chicken, stuffed, and apple sauce, \$2.50; boiled beef and horseradish sauce, 50c; table d'hôte dinner, 60c. 14th floor, World Building.—Adv.

NEW YORK WOMEN IN FIGHT ON TWO WOMEN NAMED ON "BIG FOUR" OF DEMOCRATS

Fail to Meet With Men When State Convention Opens in Effort to Reach Agreement on Their Two Delegates.

ALBANY, Feb. 26.—The platform of the New York State Democrats, as presented to the unofficial State Convention here to-day, declare that the party in New York is "unalterably opposed to Prohibition by Federal amendment." Such Prohibition, the platform says, the party believes "to be an unreasonable interference with the rights of States."

The platform urged immediate ratification of the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations "without destructive reservations."

It also urged immediate reduction of tax burdens, enfranchisement of all women, endorsed the war record of the party and advocated adjustment of the relations of capital and labor.

The platform also endorsed the administration of Governor Smith, and criticized Senator Wadsworth for opposing equal suffrage. It declares disloyalty to the Government must be met by an educational campaign, stating the principles of the Democratic Party "are the best safeguard against the Bourbons and the Bolsheviks."

By Joseph S. Jordan.
(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The unofficial Democratic State Convention finally got under way this afternoon with anything but harmony in the ranks. The slate comprising the "Big Four" to the National Convention is apparently satisfactory, but a bitter fight is promised over the wet plank in the platform.

The slate of the "Big Four," which is certain to go through, is—Gov. Alfred E. Smith, accredited to New York City; Louis E. Desbœcker, of Buffalo; Miss Elisabeth Marbury, of New York City, and Miss Harriet May Mills, of Syracuse.

State Chairman W. W. Farley, before calling the unofficial State Convention to order, requested the women delegates to meet separately. It was to be an executive meeting, called, it was believed, to give the women a chance to decide upon their delegates at large, the vote of the women's committee of yesterday having been protested by the New York City members.

WOMEN DELEGATES ARE CAUSING THE TROUBLE.

At 2 o'clock the convention hall was only fairly well filled and Chairman Francis Cullen toyed with his gavel, but was prevented from using it by a new lot of trouble started by Charley Murphy's "girls."

Mrs. Elisabeth Colbert flatly refused to be "programmed" and got off the ticket. A batch of women undertook to "reason" with her. They "reasoned" with her for an hour and then, getting tired of "reasoning," got together and declared themselves for Miss Elisabeth Marbury and Miss Harriet May Mills.

Rev. Father Farley opened the proceedings with a prayer and Secretary Hoyt read the list of delegates.

Chairman Cullen was introduced by Mrs. Mary Moore.

"The Democratic Party," said Mr. Cullen, "has successfully guided its part of the war. It is now the duty of the Democratic Party to sustain the seven years of its administration against the harping of partisan critics."

"Democrats have a pardonable pride in the accomplishment of their part. We had to send men and the millions of war 3,000 miles across the seas. This was the accomplishment of America, but we must not forget the hard work that gained it, that of the man in the White House."

"We must not forget that Democracy gave him to Americans and America gave him to the world. There were many nights of worry in Washington, in the homes of the leaders of the country who had charge of the war. We will not take away from America that this was America's war and that every American responded and did his duty, but the fact remains that it was a Democratic administration that carried it out—it was a Democratic President who declared it and carried it out to its end."

"The war is over and yet we

TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS and see how the GOOD DIGESTION makes you feel.—Adv.